

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the careful consideration and favorable treatment of the claims by the Examiner in which all of the claims have been allowed.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the above preliminary amendment which accompanies the present RCE along with an IDS for consideration by the Examiner.

Applicants have amended the specification to include subject matter that is set forth in U.S. patent No. 6,722,404 ('404), as well as amending Fig. 13 and adding Figs. 15 and 16, all of which contain subject matter disclosed in the '404 patent. No new matter is being introduced by this amendment since the present application expressly incorporated the '404 patent by reference in its entirety and therefore, it is proper to add the above subject matter into the present application. The incorporation by reference is found in paragraph [0076] of the printed publication of the present application where U.S.S.N. 10/001,244 is expressly incorporated by reference and the '244 application issued into the '404 patent. Entry of the amendments to the specification and drawings is earnestly solicited at this time.

Applicants request entry of the present amendment to the claims including the addition of claims 38-42 which are directed to the embodiments disclosed in the passages that are being added to the specification in the present amendment. No new matter is being introduced by the addition of these claims and proper antecedent basis is found in the passages added to the specification by way of the present amendment.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet(s) of drawings includes changes to Fig. 13 and the addition of Figs. 15-16.

Attachment: Replacement sheets